### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NELLY FELIZ,

Plaintiff,

- against -

JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.,

Defendants.

# ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT

Civil Action No. 07-cv-05694(RJH)

October 16, 2007

Defendant JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., sued incorrectly herein as JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("Defendant" or "JPMorgan"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby answers the September 7, 2007 *Amended Complaint* ("*Complaint*") of plaintiff Nelly Feliz ("Plaintiff" or "Feliz"). All responses are on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

- 1. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 1 of the *Complaint* and, therefore, leaves Plaintiff to her proof.
- 2. Defendant admits that it is a national banking association and that it is duly organized. The remaining allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the *Complaint* are denied.
- 3. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the *Complaint* in that it is, in actuality, a national banking association. Defendant admits that it does business within the state of New York.
- 4. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the *Complaint*.

- 5. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint.
- 6. Defendant objects to paragraph 6 of the *Complaint* in that the term "operated" is overly broad, vague, and ambiguous, and potentially calls for a legal conclusion. Therefore, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the *Complaint*.
- 7. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the *Complaint*.
- 8. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the *Complaint*.
- 9. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the *Complaint*.
- 10. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint.
- 11. Defendant admits the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint.
- 12. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint.
- 13. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 13 of the *Complaint* and, therefore, leaves Plaintiff to her proof.

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- 14. Defendant is without sufficient knowledge or information upon which to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 14 of the *Complaint* and, therefore, leaves Plaintiff to her proof.
- 15. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.
- 16. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint.
- 17. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the Complaint.
- 18. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the Complaint.
- 19. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the Complaint.
- 20. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the Complaint.
- 21. Defendant does not respond to paragraph 21 of the *Complaint*, which contains not factual allegations but a legal conclusion, except that Defendant refers the Court to the cited section of the CPLR, which speaks for itself.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION BREACH OF EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTY

- 22. Defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-21 of the *Complaint*.
- 23. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 23 of the Complaint.

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- 24. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the *Complaint*.
- 25. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 25 of the Complaint.
- 26. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 26 of the *Complaint*.
- 27. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 27 of the Complaint.
- 28. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENCE

- 29. Defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-28 of the *Complaint*.
- 30. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 30 of the Complaint.
- 31. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
- 32. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 32 of the Complaint.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION FAILURE TO WARN

33. Defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-32 of the *Complaint*.

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- 34. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 34 of the Complaint.
- 35. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 35 of the Complaint.
- 36. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the Complaint.
- 37. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 37 of the Complaint.

### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY/PRODUCTS LIABILITY

- 38. Defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-37 of the *Complaint*.
- 39. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 39 of the Complaint.
- 40. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 40 of the Complaint.
- 41. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 41 of the Complaint.
- 42. Defendant denies the allegations contained in paragraph 42 of the *Complaint*.
- 43. Defendant considers paragraph 43 to be a prayer for relief and to that extent, offers no response thereto; however, to the extent paragraph 43 contains allegations, Defendant denies them.

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#### WHEREFORE CLAUSE

Defendant considers the Wherefore Clause to be a prayer for relief and to that extent, offers no response thereto; however, to the extent the Wherefore Clause contains allegations, Defendant denies them.

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

One or more of Plaintiff's claims fails to state a cause of action upon which relief may be granted.

### **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff's injuries were caused primarily by her own negligence and/or culpable conduct.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's injuries were caused by some preexisting or intervening cause not attributable to Defendant.

### **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff assumed the risk of injury.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred because Plaintiff failed to take reasonable steps to prevent her injuries.

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Dated: New York, New York October 16, 2007

/s/ Joseph R. Geoghegan\_

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### **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

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